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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael Knaupp et al.
Application No. : 09/940,689
Filed : August 27, 2001
For : APPARATUS FOR GENERATING AND MANIPULATING A
HIGH-PRESSURE FLUID JET

Examiner : Jason D. Prone
Art Unit : 3724
Docket No. : 340058.534
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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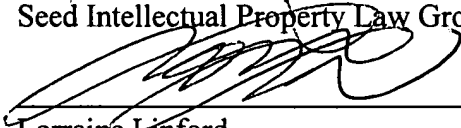
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 5, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on October 5, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In the Restriction Requirement, restriction was required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-38, drawn to an end effector assembly;
- II. Claims 39-42, drawn to a ram coupled to an end effector assembly;
- III. Claim 43, drawn to a two-dimensional manipulator coupled to an end effector assembly;
- IV. Claims 44-47, drawn to a shield;
- V. Claims 48-56, drawn to a motion assembly;
- VI. Claim 57, drawn to a fluid nozzle;
- VII. Claim 58, drawn to a valve assembly; or
- VIII. Claims 59-61, drawn to a clamp.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement. More particularly, applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of Claims 1-43 are sufficiently related such that the search and examination of Groups I, II and III can be made without serious burden. Applicants therefore request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement, to allow Claims 1-43 to be prosecuted in the present application. In the event that the Restriction Requirement is maintained, applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-38.

Respectfully submitted,
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